

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 774

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 774. The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to inquire of the majority leader the schedule for next week.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, the House will not be in session on Monday, May 8. On Tuesday, May 9, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 o'clock p.m. for legislative business to take up H.R. 1139, the Striped Bass Conservation Act Amendments of 1995.

Mr. Speaker, of course, this is very important legislation, and we will want to give it our immediate attention. Mr. Speaker, this bill will be considered under suspension of the rules.

After we complete H.R. 1139, we plan to take up H.R. 1361, the fiscal year 1996 Coast Guard reauthorization, which is subject to a rule. While it is our intent to complete consideration of H.R. 1361 on Tuesday, we do not expect Tuesday to be a late night for Members. Members should be advised that we do not expect any recorded votes to be taken before 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

On Wednesday the House will meet at 11 o'clock a.m. to consider H.R. 961, the Clean Water Act Amendments of 1995, subject to a rule. We expect consideration of this bill to extend through the end of the week. The House will meet at 10 o'clock a.m. on Thursday and Friday. It is our hope to have Members on their way home to their families and their districts by no later than 3 o'clock p.m. on Friday.

Mr. BONIOR. If I might inquire to my friend from Texas, on Tuesday we have the suspension bill that the gentleman mentioned, which I know is of great interest particularly to my friend from Texas, who is one of the best at that sport. But let me ask you this: Is it possible if we could not hold the votes until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, given the fact we are going to have a suspension bill and the Coast Guard authorization will be under an open rule?

Mr. ARMEY. Well, I appreciate the gentleman's inquiry, but we do believe there will be some important amendments offered on the Coast Guard bill that follows. We do not expect a vote on the rule, but I do think in fairness to all Members who would participate in that important legislation, that we

need to be prepared to have the membership prepared to have a vote as early as 3:30, but not before 3:30, on Tuesday.

Mr. BONIOR. Before 3:30?

Mr. ARMEY. 3:30, yes.

Mr. BONIOR. Does the gentleman plan to vote directly on the suspension on Tuesday, or are we going to take that up after the Coast Guard bill?

Mr. ARMEY. If there is a vote on the suspension ordered, we will roll that vote. But we do not intend to roll votes that might be called while we are in the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank the gentleman. So Members would be safe until 3:30, and presumably longer?

Mr. ARMEY. Right.

Mr. BONIOR. Do you expect votes on Friday?

Mr. ARMEY. At this point, I think we have to be prepared for votes on Friday. We will be working on the Clean Water Act, and again we want to be able to, as we prepare for the week, be prepared to accommodate all the participation that any of the Members might want to make on that.

Mr. BONIOR. On the clean water bill that we will have before us, since it is probably one of the most important environmental pieces of legislation that we will consider in this body this Congress, I would ask my friend, what do you anticipate with respect to a rule?

It is our hope, obviously, that the rule will be open and we will not have a time cap on amendments, especially as the latter part of the week looks as if it is open and we can use indeed Thursday and Friday to complete this. I would hope that we would have an open process on this important bill.

Mr. ARMEY. Well, again, the gentleman is absolutely correct on that, although a rule has not yet been granted. It is anticipated that will be an open rule, and on that basis it is our anticipation we should expect some votes on Friday.

Mr. BONIOR. I would hope we would not have a time cap on that bill, I would ask my colleague. We want to clean up the waters of the country so you can catch all the great bass you referred to.

Mr. ARMEY. The gentleman's priorities are those I applaud in that regard. We want to keep this as open a process as possible.

Mr. BONIOR. Finally, I would inquire from my friend from Texas with respect to the budget resolution. We are now into the 3d day of the month of May and we are past the April 15 deadline in which a budget resolution is required to be produced by this Congress. We are weeks behind. It is the first time that we have been behind in a number of years.

When are you going to bring the budget bill to the floor?

Mr. ARMEY. It is our anticipation we can have the budget bill to the floor the week after next on May 17. Obviously the committee is working very hard and working as much as it can in

conjunction with other committees. I checked with the committee, and we are very confident that that timetable will hold up.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank the gentleman and yield back my time.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman would yield for one final observation, as long as we are on the subject of striped and other bass, may I just ask the Nation, catch 'em, kiss 'em, and release 'em.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER AND THE MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS NOTWITHSTANDING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, May 9, 1995, the Speaker and the minority leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, May 10, 1995.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if I may just take a moment, I would like to thank all of these Members that are patiently waiting for their 1-minutes for the courtesy they have extended Mr. BONIOR, the Democratic whip, and myself, in carrying out this colloquy.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1361, THE COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-111) on the resolution (H. Res. 139) providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1361) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

TIME TO KEEP CONTRACT WITH OLDER AMERICANS

(Mr. TATE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)